HOW TO GET A COVID-19 TEST
There are many ways to get a COVID-19 test in LA County

FREE TESTING

If you have health insurance, the best option is to contact your doctor or health plan to get tested. Doctors and health plans are responsible for providing free COVID-19 testing to patients assigned to them.

If your employer or school requires a test, go through your workplace or school to get tested.

If you do not have health insurance, don't worry. There are many ways to get free tests in LA County.

Visit a free testing site

A County-sponsored Community Location
- o If you don't have health insurance, you can get a free COVID-19 test at a community location regardless of your immigration status.
- o If you have insurance, you can go to a community location, but you will need to provide insurance information.

Visit covid19.lacounty.gov/testing or text 1-844-833-1334 to find a location near you. If you don't have access to the internet, email, or need help arranging a test, call 2-1-1.

Health center or pharmacy
Visit the HHS Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19 webpage to find sites across the US.
- o If you don't have health insurance, the health center may ask you to enroll in a government program, like Medi-Cal, so that they can get reimbursed for the cost of the test.
- o If you have insurance, you may need to provide insurance information.
- o If you are unable or unwilling to provide insurance information, some sites may charge a sliding scale fee.
- o Many pharmacies offer COVID-19 tests. Call or visit their website for details. For information on independent pharmacies, visit doineedacovid19test.com.

Get a free antigen test kit

You collect the sample and do the test yourself. Results of these "self-tests" are usually available in 10-30 minutes. If your antigen test is past its expiration date, it may still be good to use. Check if the control line is visible and is the same color as in the instructions. Visit ph.lacounty.gov/covidselftest for details.

By mail from the Federal Government
Each household can request four free tests shipped by the US Postal Service. Place an order at covidtests.gov or call 1-800-232-0233.

At a Public Health Multi-Service Vaccination Site.
Visit ph.lacounty.gov/vaccinepods for hours and locations.

In your community

Many libraries, food banks, senior centers, and other local organizations offer free test kits for pick-up. Find a library near you.

Using health insurance

Most people with a health plan, including Medi-Cal and Medicare Part B, can get up to 8 at-home tests per month for each person on the plan. There are several ways to get tests using health insurance including:

- Get the tests mailed to you.
- Pick up free tests at a pharmacy.
- Buy a test from a pharmacy or other retail store and save your receipt. You can submit your receipt and get paid back for all or some of the cost. The test must be authorized by the FDA.

Call your health plan or visit their website for instructions. For more information, visit the CMS webpage How to get your At-Home Over-The-Counter COVID-19 Test for Free.

Order a free PCR home collection test kit

Order the kit online at covid19.lacounty.gov/testing. You collect the sample yourself and then mail it to a laboratory for testing. Results are usually available 24-48 hours after the lab receives the test.

The kit, testing, and mailing are all free. You must be age 65 or older OR unable to leave your home AND have symptoms of COVID, or think you were exposed to COVID-19.

Contact your doctor or health plan

If you have insurance, your health insurer is required to cover the entire cost of testing if a doctor orders the test. You do not need to have symptoms to request a test.

Insurance companies may **not** cover COVID-19 testing if done as part of an employee return-to-work program. If your employer requires a test, go through your job.

TESTS FOR CHILDREN

- If your child has symptoms, it is best to get a test from their doctor or local health center. If you need help finding a doctor, call 2-1-1 or visit 211LA. You can also find a health center near you at HRSA.gov.
- Many County-sponsored sites test children of any age. But check before you go.
- The age limit at different pharmacies vary – Walmart/Quest Diagnostics test ages 2 and up, CVS Health and Walgreens test ages 3 and up and Rite Aid tests ages 4 and up. For independent pharmacies, visit doineedacovid19test.com.
- If you plan to use an antigen test, check the box for the age limit.

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